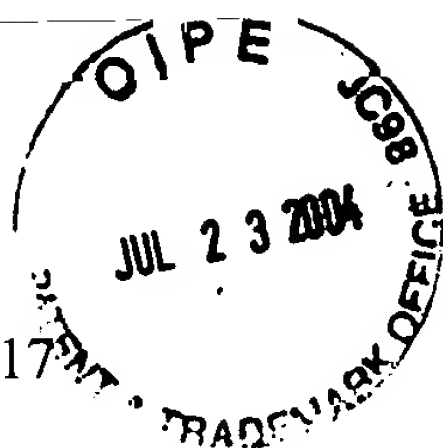


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on May 13, 2004 and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicants wish to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicants submit that each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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